



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants:

Stephen P.A. Fodor, Lubert Stryer, J. Leighton Read and Michael C. Pirrung

Application No.:

10/033,195

Group: 1655

Filed:

December 28, 2001

Examiner: Not Assigned

Confirmation No.

7969

For:

NUCLEOTIDES AND ANALOGS HAVING
PHOTOREMOVABLE PROTECTING GROUPSTECH CENTER 1600/2900
OCT 21 2002

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 2327
Arlington, VA 22202

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a Preliminary Amendment for filing in the above-identified application.

- Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a Small Entity Statement previously submitted.
- A Small Entity Statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

	(COL. 1)		(COL. 2)		(COL. 3)
	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR		PRESENT EXTRA
TOTAL	18	MINUS	* 20		0
INDEP					
	2	MINUS	** 3		0
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM					

* not fewer than 20

** not fewer than 3

SMALL ENTITY		OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY	
RATE	ADDIT. FEE	RATE	ADDIT. FEE
X \$ 9	\$	X \$18	\$ 0
X \$42	\$	X \$84	\$ 0
+ \$140	\$	+ \$280	\$

TOTAL = \$ 0

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Please charge Deposit Account No. 08-0380 for the following fees:

[] Petition for [] month Extension of Time \$ _____
[] Amendment Fee \$ _____
[] Other Fees:
_____ \$ _____
_____ \$ _____

TOTAL: \$ 0

A check is enclosed in payment of the following fees:

[] Petition for [] month Extension of Time \$ _____
[] Amendment Fee \$ _____
[] Other Fees:
_____ \$ _____
_____ \$ _____
TOTAL: \$ 0

[X] A general authorization is hereby granted to charge Deposit Account No. 08-0380 for any fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 and 1.17 in order to maintain pendency of this application. A copy of this authorization is enclosed for accounting purposes.

Respectfully submitted,

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Please amend the application as follows:

In the Specification

Please replace the paragraph at page 2, lines 4 through 15 with the following paragraph: